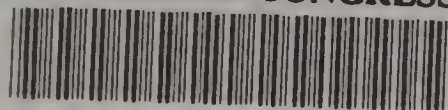


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It Rained Hard That Morning

THE TIDDELY WINKS

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FOREWORD

The Tiddly Winks are good natured little fairies who teach lessons of thrift and good cheer. Here we meet Tiddly Winks, Tiddly Wee, Tiddly Thrift, Tiddly Cheer-Up, Tiddly Scowl, and Tiddly Why, all having the characteristics of real children.

Who would not take delight in learning their A, B, C's with the Tiddly Winks?

A story of the Wee People—for Wee People, written in charming and simple style, to be used in school and home as a first reader, carefully graded with repetition of simple words and phrases.

Objects in the school room take a
lively interest in the Tiddly Winks,
find voices, and even the School Bell
outside remarks,

“Hear my song, hear my rhyme,
Hurry children, be on time.”

If you still inquire, “Who are the
Tiddly Winks?” we will let them reply
in their own fashion,

“Who are we? Who are we?
Tiddly Winks as all can see;
We are a very merry band,
And we come from Fairyland.”

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He Wheeled Him in a Wheelbarrow

THE TIDDLY WINKS



COUNTING

Tiddly Winks says,

One, two,

How do you do?

Tiddly Wee says,

Three, four,

Here comes one more.

Tiddly Thrift says,

Five, six,

I have saving tricks.

Tiddly Cheer-Up says,

Seven, eight,

Laugh at any rate.

Tiddly Scowl says,

Nine, ten,

I scowl again.

Tiddly Why says,

Eleven, twelve,

Why not count like elves?

We Can Count As Well As Think,
Says Every Little Tiddly Wink!

GOOD MORNING

“Good morning,” said Tiddly Winks.

“Good morning,” sang the School Bell.

“Who are you?” asked Tiddly Winks.

“Who are you?” asked the School Bell.

Tiddly Winks said,

“I am a fairy, light and airy,

And I sing like a canary.”

The School Bell was busy ringing.

The School Bell was busy singing,

“I am the School Bell, ding dong,

I am the School Bell, hear my song.”

THE SCHOOL BELL

Tiddly Winks heard the song.

Tiddly Winks heard the School Bell
sing.

He said, “I am a cousin of the Brownies.”

The School Bell said, “I am a cousin of the Church Bell.”

Tiddly Winks said, “See the children!”

The children were coming to school.

The School Bell sang,

“They come to school at half past eight,
I hope that no one will be late.”

Tiddly Winks curled up in the School Bell.

He curled up and went to sleep.

A. B. C.

Tiddly Winks reads “A-B-C.”

Can you read “A-B-C?”

The School Bell cannot read at all.

The School Bell can only sing.

Tiddly Winks come read to me.

Can you read like a fairy?

Tiddly Winks, if you please,

I know all my A, B, C's.

WHAT DAY?

“Good morning again,” said Tiddly Winks.

“Good morning to you,” sang the School Bell.

“What day is it?” asked Tiddly Winks.

The School Bell sang, “It is Monday morning.”

He said, “I must ring on Monday morning.”

Tiddly Winks said, “The children are coming.”

He said, “They are carrying dinner-pails.”

The School Bell sang,

“Hear my song, hear my rhyme,
Hurry children, be on time.”

HURRY

The children came hurrying to school.
The children came to school on time.
Tiddly Winks said, “I will go to school,
too.”

He said, “I will go to school on time.”

He said, “I will go to school on
Monday.”

Tiddly Winks peeped into the window.
He peeped into the school room.

He called to the children, "Good morning!"

They said, "Good morning, Tiddly Winks."



DING DONG

"Ding, dong," sang the School Bell.
"Good morning," said Tiddly Winks.
Tiddly Winks said, "I have been gone
a week."

The School Bell said, "It is Monday
morning."

Tiddly Winks said, “Are you tired ringing?”

The School Bell said, “Are you tired singing?”

They sang together on Monday morning,

“Hurry, hurry, take your place,
Take your seat, with smiling face.”

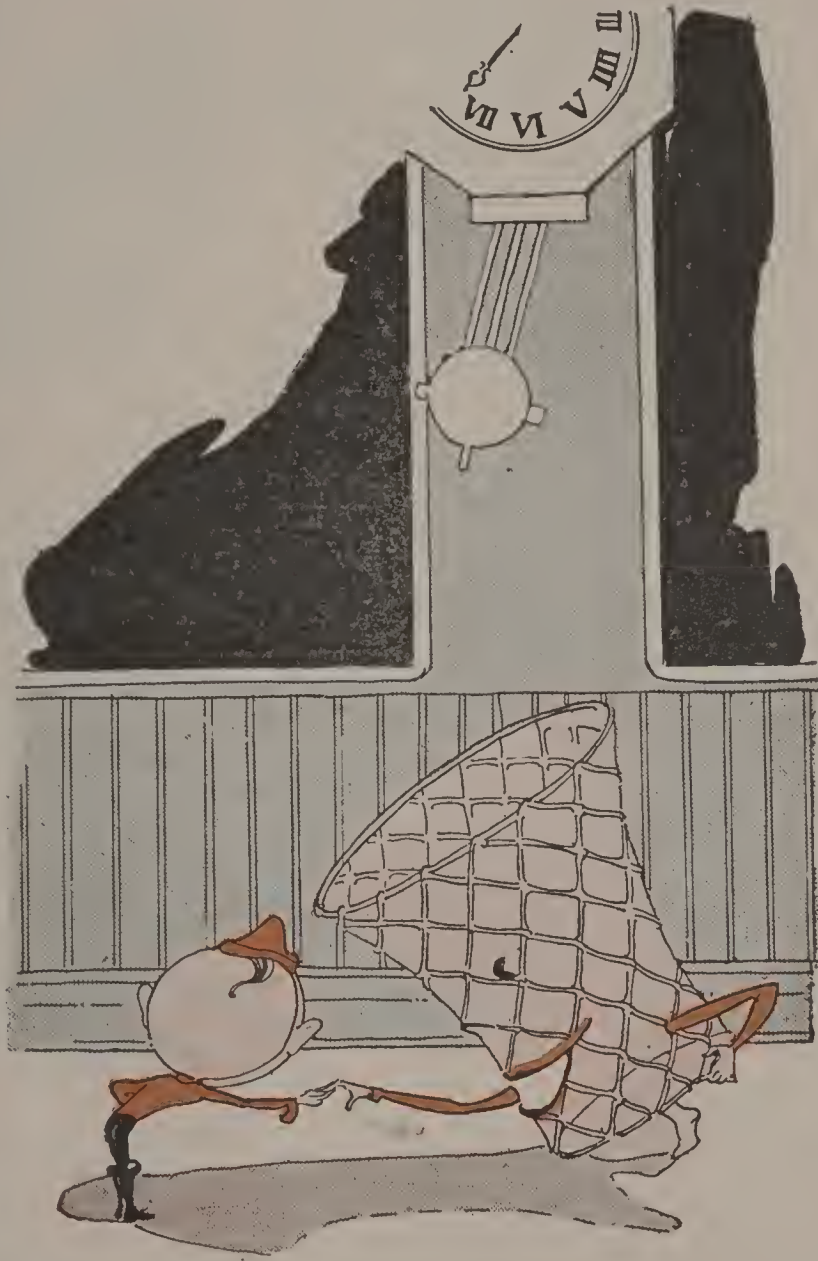
SMILING FACE

Tiddly Winks said, “Can I take a seat?”

He had a very smiling face.

Tiddly Winks met the School Room Clock.

He said to the clock, “Good morning.”



Tiddly Winks Bowed to the Waste Basket

The School Room Clock said, “Tick,
tock.”

Tiddly Winks bowed to the Waste
Basket.

The Waste Basket was empty.

He sang,

“Once in a while, once in a while,
They carry me up, and down, the aisle.”

FUN

Sure enough bye and bye the Waste
Basket went up and down.

He was carried in the aisle.

He was carried between the seats.

Tiddly Winks came early to school.

Tiddly Winks was full of fun.



Tiddly Winks Jumped Into the Ink Well

He saw the children's copy books.

The copy books were open on the desks.

Tiddly Winks jumped into an ink-well,

He jumped from desk to desk.

He jumped on the copy books.

You could see the marks of his feet!

The School Bell did not know what was going on.

He was outside ringing and singing.

THE BOOKS

The School Room Clock saw the copy books.

He saw the marks of little feet on them.

He put his hands over his face.

The School Room Clock wanted to hide!

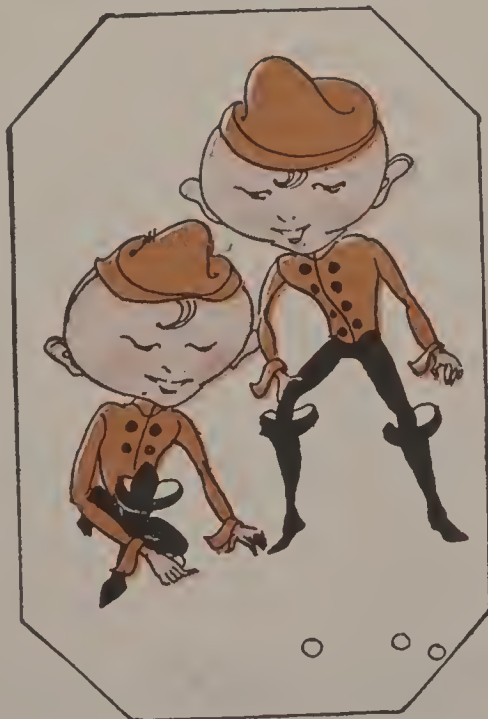
He tried to hide his face with his hands!

The Waste Basket said, "I will get the books."

He said, "I will get all the copy books!"

The School Room Clock ticked away, saying,

"Rub out the marks this Monday morning,
The teacher is coming, do take warning."



THE FAIRY

Tiddly Winks was a real fairy.

He blew on the copy books.

He blew away all the marks.

The marks of his feet were gone!

The Waste Basket said, "I am sad."

He said, "I won't get the copy books
now."

The School Room Clock said,

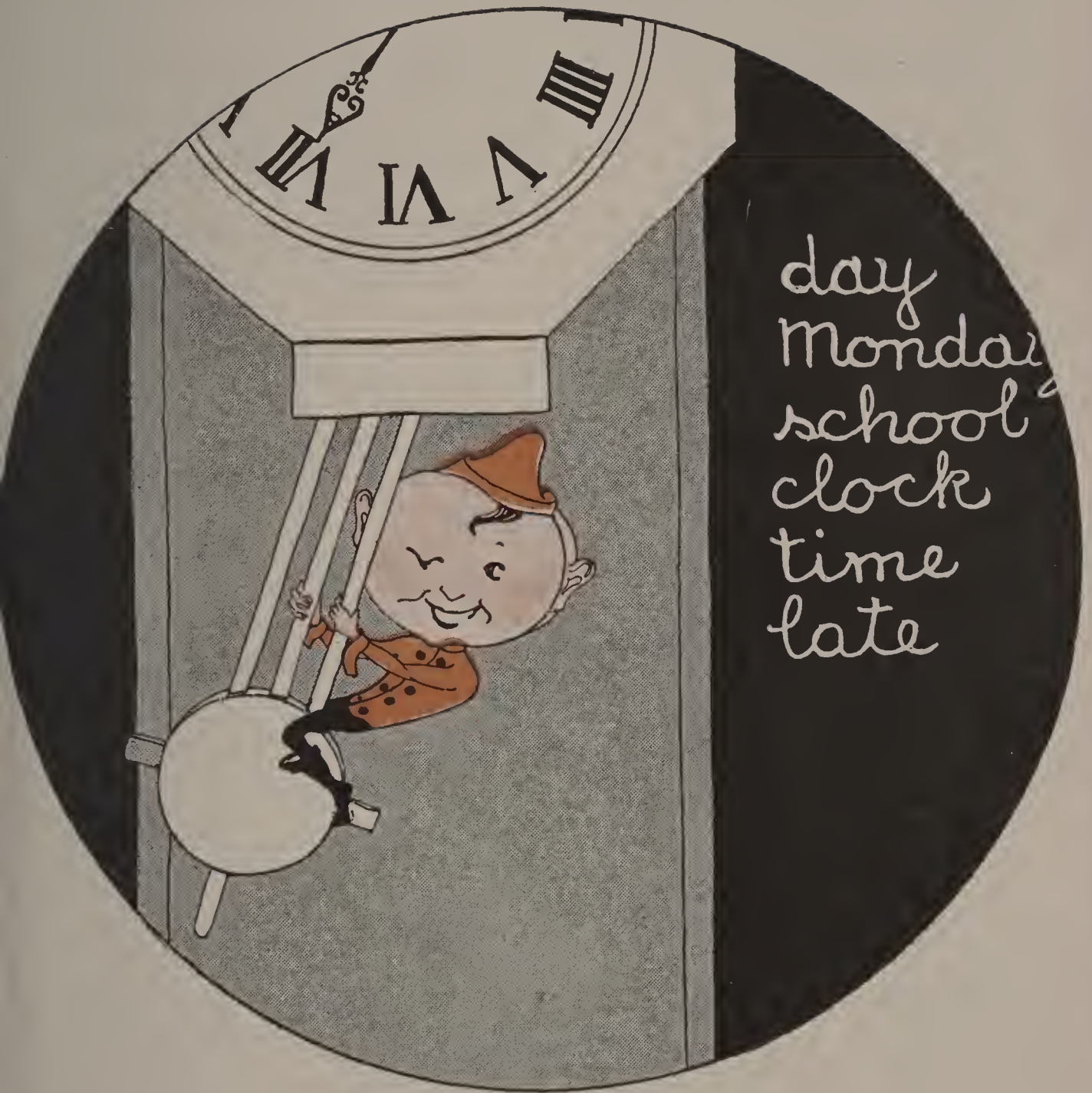
"Come and help me run a race,
See my hands go round my face."

MONDAY

Tiddly Winks said, "I will come."

He said to the School Room Clock,
"Here I come."

He jumped inside of the clock.



He Began to Swing on the Pendulum

The children were coming to school.

They came to school on Monday.

They looked at the School Room
Clock.

Tiddly Winks had stopped the Clock!

He began to swing on the pendulum.

He smiled at the children.

He said, "I always smile on Monday
morning."

THE CHIMES

Tiddly Winks slept a week in the
Clock.

He woke up next Monday morning.

He said, "I will go and talk to the
School Bell."

The School Bell was singing, “ding,
dong.”

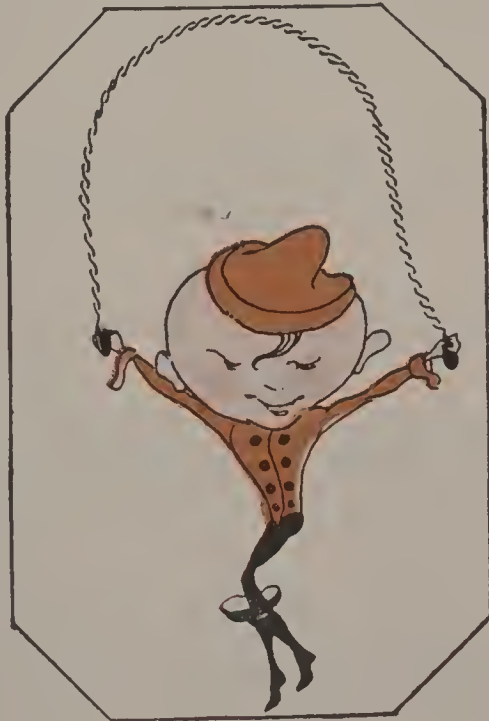
“Good bye,” ticked the School Room
Clock.

“Good bye,” whispered the Waste
Basket.

Tiddly Winks called, “Good bye, good
bye.”

He heard the School Bell singing,

“Monday morning, be on time,
Ding, dong, hear my chime.”



CLOTHES LINE

One Monday morning Tiddly Winks
ran away.

He ran away from school one Monday
morning.

He saw washing on a line.

He blew inside a white skirt.

The skirt looked like a balloon.

He said, "It looks like a balloon."

He blew inside all the clothes.

He made the clothes look funny.

He called to the funny clothes on the
line.

Tiddly Winks called, "Good bye."



Tiddly Winks Made the Clothes Look Funny

FAIRY WIND

Tiddly Winks did not run far away.

He curled up to sleep.

He went to sleep in the clothes basket.

He woke and said, "What day is it?"

The Sun said, "Ask Fairy Wind."

Tiddly Winks asked again about the
day.

Fairy Wind said,

"Ask that question now in school,

You'll learn something, as a rule."

Tiddly Winks ran back to school.

THE CALENDAR

"Good morning," sang the School
Bell.

"Good morning," ticked the Clock.



He Went to Sleep in a Clothes Basket

“Good morning,” whispered the Waste Basket.

The School Room Mouse came out. Tiddly Winks danced with him.

Tiddly Winks said, “What day is it?”

The Mouse said, “Ask the Calendar.”

The Calendar hung on the wall.

The Calendar had names on it.

It had names of days on it.

It had numbers on it, too.

The Calendar nodded to Tiddly Winks.

It said, “It is Tuesday morning.”

GAMES

Tiddly Winks said, “It is Tuesday morning.”



Tiddly Winks Danced with the Mouse

He said, "Let us play a game."

The School Room Mouse said, "I can play."

He said, "We can play hide-and-seek."

The Waste Basket said, "I will play."

He said, "Let us play cat-and mouse."

They played games before school.

They played hide-and-seek.

They played cat-and-mouse.

They played games on Tuesday morning.

HIDE AND SEEK

The children came in on Tuesday.

They took their seats on Tuesday morning.

They did not see Tiddly Winks.

He hid behind the Calendar.

He was thinking about hide-and-seek.

He said, "I will hide here to-day."

He said, "I will hide in a pencil-box."

He said, "I will hide in a dinner-pail."

Tiddly Winks played hide-and-seek,

He played hide-and-seek on Tuesday.

THE BLUE SKY

"Good morning, good morning, the sky is so blue,

Good morning, good morning, good morning to you."

The children sang this song.
The School Bell stopped ringing.
He stopped to hear the children sing.
The School Room Clock kept on tick-
ing.
He said, "Where is Tiddly Winks?"
He said, "Where is he on Tuesday?"
Tiddly Winks was in a pencil-box.
He made a noise in the pencil-box.
He made the pencils rattle.

THE NOISE

What a noisy pencil-box!
What a noise in the desk!
What a noise in the room!
The teacher said,

"Fold your hands and quiet keep,
Play you all are fast asleep."

The children folded their hands.

They kept very quiet.

Tiddly Winks was quiet too.

He said, "I learned something."

He learned something on Tuesday.

Tiddly Winks fell asleep.

He fell asleep on Tuesday morning.



THE RAIN

One Tuesday morning it rained.

It rained harder and harder.

Tiddly Winks said, "Will the children sing?"

He said, "They cannot sing about blue skies."

He said, "Can they sing to-day?"

The School Room Clock said, "Wait and see."

The Waste Basket said, "They will sing."

The School Bell did not mind the rain.

He sang as usual, "ding, dong."

LITTLE BUSY BEE

The children came to school.

They came that rainy day to school.

They sang a new song.

“Good morning on a rainy day,
We sing to keep the blues away.”

Tiddly Winks clapped his tiny hands.

He said, “I will sing the new song.”

He watched one little girl.

She was busy at work all day.

He said she is a busy girl.

He called her “Little Busy Bee.”

TIDDLY WEE

Tiddly Winks met another fairy.

He said to the fairy, “Good morning.”



He Watched One Little Girl

The fairy answered, "Good morning."

Tiddly Winks said, "What is your name?"

The fairy answered, "I am Tiddly Wee."

Tiddly Winks laughed like a Brownie.

Tiddly Wee danced like a Brownie.

Tiddly Winks said, "It is Tuesday morning."

Tiddly Wee said, "It is ironing day."

THE HELPERS

"Sing a song and have some fun,

'Twill help you get the ironing done."

Tiddly Wee sang this little song.

He sang this song on Tuesday.



Tiddly Winks Laughed Like a Brownie

He helped Tiddly Winks iron his sheets.

Tiddly Winks ironed pillow cases.

These little fairies liked to iron.

They liked to iron on Tuesday.

They soon had ironed all the clothes.

Tiddly Winks said, "Let us go to school."

Tiddly Wee said, "We will go tomorrow."

COUNT BY TWO'S

Tiddly Winks said, "Where is my cap?"

Tiddly Wee said, "Where is my coat?"

Tiddly Winks found his red cap.

Tiddly Wee found his red coat.

They went to school on Wednesday.

They learned to count on Wednesday.

They learned to count by two's.

Two, four, six, eight,

Count by two's, don't be late.

“Ding, dong,” rang the School Bell.

“Tick, tock,” sang the Clock.

LITTLE FAIRY MEN

The Waste Basket said, “I can count.”

The Calendar said, “See all my numbers,

“One, two, three, four,

Come in please—shut the door.”

Tiddly Winks wrote numbers.

Tiddly Wee wrote on the board.

“We are little Fairy Men,
We can count up to ten.”

The School Room Mouse looked at
them.

He looked out of the Clock.

He sang,

“I can count very well,
But how far, I won’t tell.”

Tiddly Winks said, “I like to count.”

Tiddly Wee said, “I can count on Wednesday.”

ON TIME

Tiddly Winks came to school.

Tiddly Wee came early to school.

“Good morning,” sang the School
Bell.



Tiddly Winks Ran on One Side, Tiddly Wee Ran on the Other

Tiddly Winks said,

“I have pennies, and a dime,
See, I always come on time.”

Tiddly Wee said,

“For the children we will wait,
How I hope they won't be late.”

One little boy was often late.

One little boy was a sleepy-head.

Tiddly Winks said,

“Try to get to school on time,
Help the fairies make a rhyme.”

LATE

One little girl was late to school.

One little girl was often late.

The little girl was late to breakfast.

Tiddly Winks said,

“Tiddly Winks soon I will wake you,
And to school I will take you.”

Tiddly Winks woke the little girl.

Tiddly Wee ran with her to school.

Tiddly Winks ran on one side.

Tiddly Wee ran on the other.

TIDDLY THRIFT

Tiddy Thrift got off the boat,
In a neatly mended coat.

He came to town on Wednesday.

Tiddly Thrift said, “It is Wednesday.”

He wore a mended coat on Wednesday.

He met Tiddly Winks and Tiddly Wee.

Tiddly Thrift said,

“We must save paper and string,
We must save time and everything.”

Tiddly Thrift taught the children.

He taught them to save paper.

He taught them to write on both
sides.

TO SAVE

The Waste Basket began to cry.

He began to cry on Wednesday.

“See the children save their paper.”

“They write on both sides of the
paper.”

“How will I ever get full of paper?”

Tiddly Winks saw the children save
paper.

Tiddly Wee said, "They will save time too."

The School Room Clock said,

"Tick, tock, tick, tock,
They'll save time like as not."

The School Room Mouse began to squeak.

He squeaked, "I hope they will save crumbs."

He said, "Will they save crumbs for me?"

SWEET COOKIES

Tiddly Winks as you know,
In the kitchen now must go,
Tiddly Wee, as you see,
Makes the fire burn merrily,



Tiddly Thrift every hour,
Saves the butter, saves the flour.
They get out the rolling-pin,
So the fun will soon begin!
They mix some cookies for a treat,
Cut them out, and make them sweet,
In the oven they baked them too,
Just as you or I would do.

JOLLY COOKS

Tiddly Winks and Tiddly Wee,
Are very little cooks you see,
Tiddly Thrift has come to town,
And he will bake the cookies brown.
The cook will have a nice surprise,
When the cookies greet her eyes,
The fairies say, “Do you like our
looks?
You see we all are jolly cooks.”
The kitchen Clock upon the wall.
Said, “I like Tiddly Thrift the best of
all.”
Tiddly Winks and Tiddly Wee,
Were just as busy as could be!



THE PICNIC

“Hurry, hurry,” called Tiddly Winks.

“Hurry up,” cried Tiddly Wee.

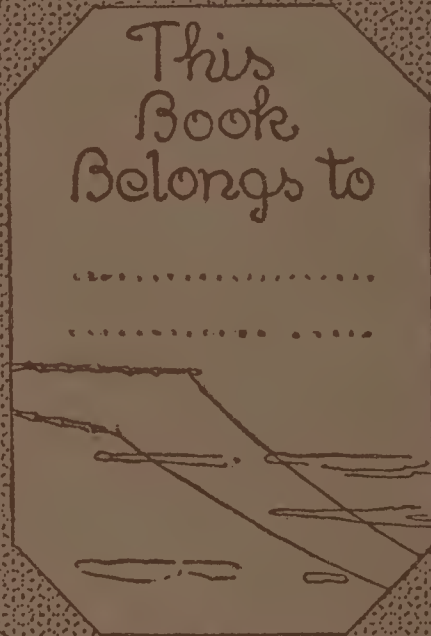
“Hurry to the picnic,” said Tiddly Thrift.

Some of the Tiddly Winks were late.

Tiddly Cheer-Up came smiling.

He came singing,

“Let us never trouble borrow,
Start to-day, or start to-morrow.”



They went on a picnic on Thursday.
They went to the woods.
They carried picnic baskets.

TIDDLY CHEER-UP

Tiddly Winks fell in the water.
Tiddly Wee helped him out.
Tiddly Thrift spread the lunch.
He said, "We will save the crumbs."
Tiddly Cheer-Up smiled on every one.
He said,

"Nothing will go very wrong,
If we sing a 'Cheer-Up' song."

They danced in a ring.
They danced in a ring at the picnic.
They danced and sang on Thursday.

TIDDLY SCOWL

“Good morning,” said Tiddly Winks.
“Is it a good morning?” asked Tiddly Scowl.

Tiddly Scowl was always scowling.
Tiddly Scowl was often late to school.
Tiddly Scowl said, “It is a rainy morning.”

Tiddly Scowl did not like the rain.
Tiddly Why came walking by.
Tiddly Why asked many questions.
Tiddly Why said, “Why do you scowl?”

He said, “Why don’t you like rain?”

LAUGH AND PLAY

“What day is it?” asked Tiddly Winks.

“What time is it?” asked Tiddly Wee.

“What shall we do next?” asked Tiddly Thrift.

“Let us laugh and play,” said Tiddly Cheer-Up.

“I cannot laugh and play,” said Tiddly Scowl.



Tiddly Why said, “Why can’t you laugh?”

The Calendar said, “I know what day it is.”

The Calendar said, "It is Thursday."

The Calendar said,

"At my face come take a peek,
There are seven days in a week."

The School Room Clock said, "Good
morning."

It said, "I can tell you the time."

"Count the numbers on my face,
Can you count numbers any place? "

Tiddly Winks counted numbers on the
board.

Tiddly Wee counted numbers on the
Calendar.

Tiddly Thrift counted numbers on the
Clock's face.

Tiddly Cheer-Up counted numbers on cards.

Tiddly Scowl counted no numbers at all.

Tiddly Why said, "Why don't you count?"

Tiddly Winks said, "I want to tell time."

Tiddly Why asked, "Why do you want to tell time?"

TO TELL TIME

"I want to tell time," said Tiddly Winks.

The School Room Clock smiled at him. He said, "Look at my two hands."

He said,

“Look at my shorter hand,
It points to the hour you understand.”

Tiddly Winks repeated the words over
and over.

The Clock spoke again,

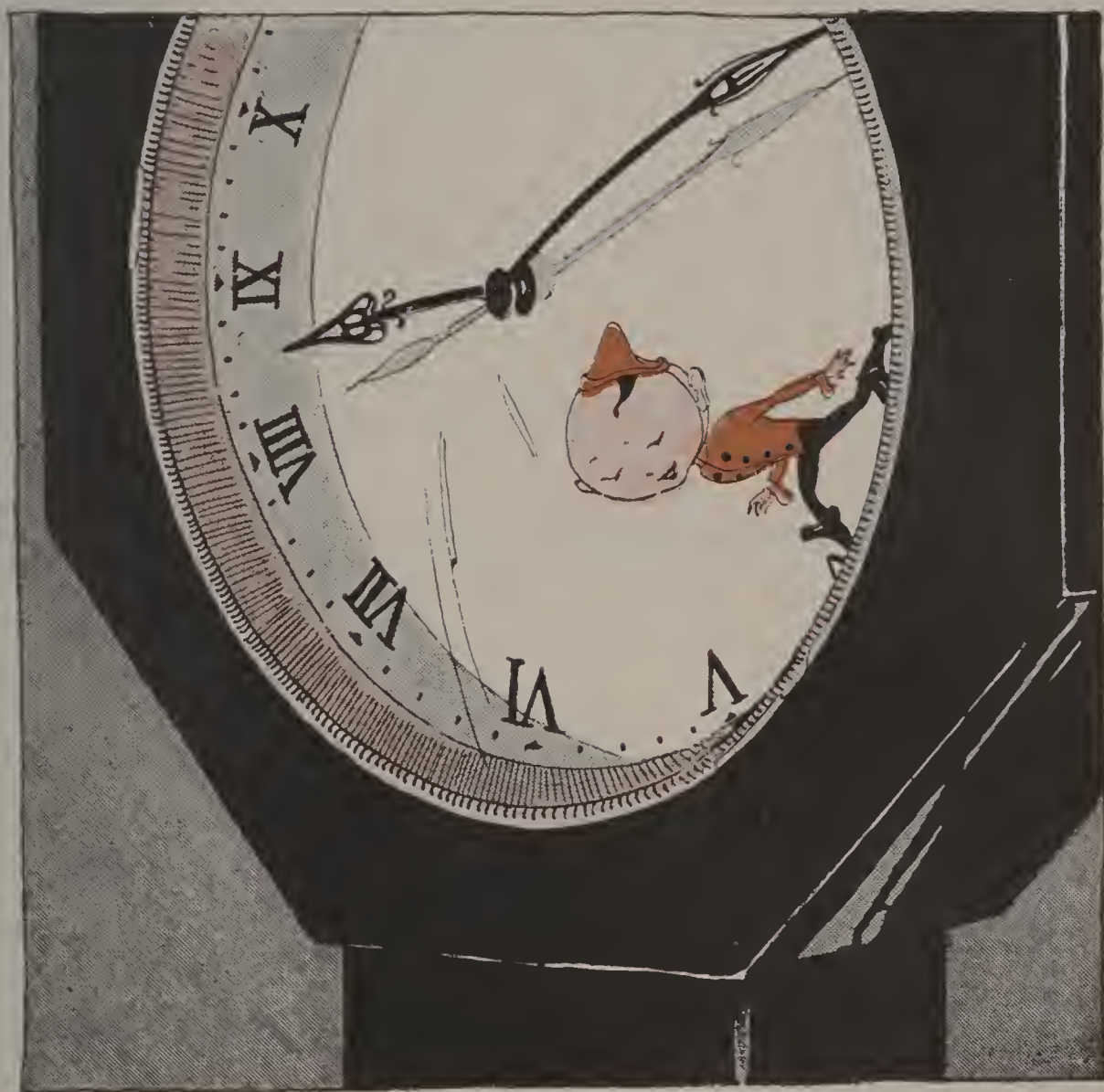
“Look at my longer hand,
It points to the minutes, you understand.”

The School Room Clock went on talk-
ing.

“I point to six, with my short hand,
The long hand's at twelve you understand,
It is six o'clock, it is six o'clock,
And time for supper, like as not.”

THE HOURS

Tiddly Winks began to learn to tell
time.



*He Ran a Race,
Round and Round the Old Clock's Face*

He learned to tell a little time every
day.

He learned to tell the hours.

Tiddly Winks then ran a race,
Round and round the old clock's face.

Tiddly Winks began to tell time on
Thursday.

Tiddly Scowl said, "I cannot tell
time."

The School Bell rang again,

"Ding, dong, work and play
Children be on time to-day."

"Why should we be on time?" asked
Tiddly Why.

Tiddly Scowl said, "Dear me, why do
you ask questions?"

WAKE UP

“Wake up, wake up,” called Tiddly Winks.

“I am awake,” said Tiddly Wee.

“Hurry up, save time,” sang Tiddly Thrift.

“Wake up happy,” said Tiddly Cheer-Up.

“I cannot look happy,” said Tiddly Scowl.

“Why shall we get-up?” asked Tiddly Why.

Tiddly Winks said, “Let us go to school.”

He said, “Let us go on Friday.”

Tiddly Winks said, “Come, get breakfast.”

THE BREAKFAST

Tiddly Thrift helped with breakfast.

He set the breakfast table.

Can you set the breakfast table?

Tiddly Cheer-Up cooked the coffee.

Tiddly Scowl said, "I don't like coffee."

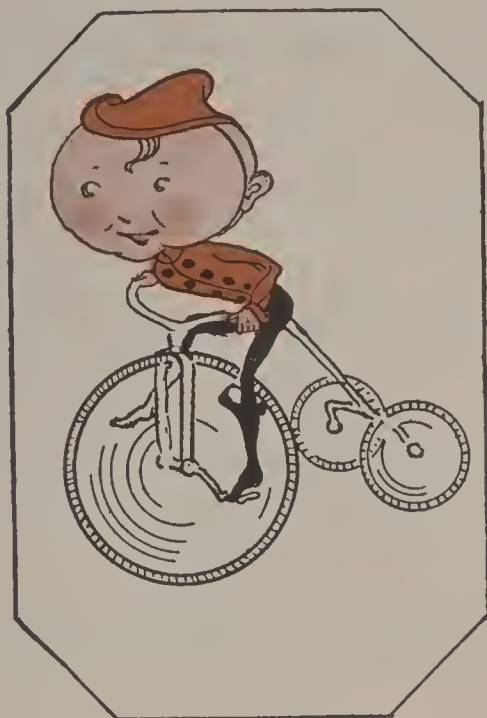
Tiddly Winks said, "Drink some cocoa."

Tiddly Wee said, "Drink some milk."

Tiddly Why said, "Why do we drink coffee?"

Tiddly Winks said, "We like to drink coffee."

Tiddly Scowl sat in the corner scowling.



On His Velocipede

TIDDLY WHY

The Tiddly Winks hurried to school.
They all hurried to school on Friday.
The School Bell sang,

“Good morning, I am glad to meet you,
Good morning, I am glad to greet you.”

The School Room Clock sang,

“Fall in line,
It is quarter of nine.”

Tiddly Winks sat on the window-sill.

Tiddly Scowl came in late.

He stopped on the way to school.

He stopped to play ball.

Tiddly Why said, "Why are you late?"

THE NEW SONG

Tiddly Cheer-Up sang on Friday.

He sang a new song on Friday.

"If the weather is wet,
You'll have fun yet,
If the weather is cold,
Please do not scold,
If the weather is dry,
To have fun we try,

When the weather is warm,
Comes a thunder storm,
Cheer-Up, we have fun together.
We like different kinds of weather.

All the Children learned the new song.
All the children liked the new song.
They sang together on Friday morn-
ing.

THAT WAY

The School Room Mouse said, "Good morning."

He said, "I will be the teacher."

He said, "What time is it, Tiddly Winks?"

Tiddly Winks replied, "It is school time."

The School Room Mouse said, “Who can spell?”

He said, “Who can spell ‘Friday’?”

Tiddly Scowl said, “I cannot spell.”

He said,

“From school I often stay away,
I always scowl and scowl all day.”

Tiddly Thrift sang,

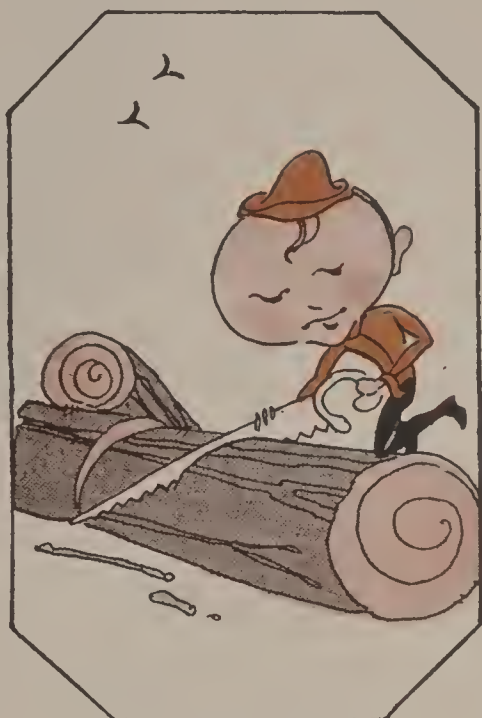
“Save a little every day,
We’ll be happier that way.”

BREAD AND CHEESE

The School Room Mouse was a funny teacher.

He said,

“You must excuse me if you please,
This Friday noon I smell fresh cheese.”

*Sawing Wood*

He smelled some fresh cheese on Friday.

He smelled cheese from a dinner pail.
The School Room Mouse loved cheese.
One little boy ate his lunch.

The boy had bread and cheese for lunch.

He dropped some crumbs of bread.
He dropped some crumbs of cheese.
The School Room Mouse came out.
He came out and ate the cheese.

VALENTINES

Tiddly Winks made a valentine.

He made a valentine on Friday.

Friday was Saint Valentine's day.

Tiddly Wee made a valentine too.

He made it like a heart.

Tiddly Scowl said, "I cannot make one."

He said, "I cannot make a valentine."

Tiddly Thrift helped him.

Tiddly Cheer-Up made up a verse.

He made a verse for his valentine.

"I love you truly mother mine,
You are my dearest valentine."

Tiddly Wee made a pretty valentine.

He made a valentine for the baby.

He wrote on his valentine,

“Baby brother with eyes so blue.

Here is a valentine heart for you.”

They all made some envelopes.

They made envelopes for the valentines.

They put stamps on the envelopes.

They sent the valentines by mail.

Tiddly Scowl got an ugly valentine.

Tiddly Cheer-Up said,

“If you will learn how to smile,

It will make life worth while.”

SPRING

The Calendar said, “It is spring.”

“It is spring,” whispered the breezes.

“It is spring,” pattered the rain.

“It is spring,” sang the robin.

The birds were building nests.

“Where will I live?” asked Jenny Wren.

Jenny Wren said, “I want a new house.”

She said, “Who will build me a house?”

Tiddly Winks said,

“I’ll build a wee house in the spring,

When all the birds begin to sing.”

A HOUSE

“Who will build me a home?” asked
Jenny Wren.

“I will,” said Tiddly Winks.

“I will,” answered Tiddly Wee.

Tiddly Thrift said, “Use a cigar box.”

Tiddly Cheer-Up found a cigar box.

*Skating*

Tiddly Scowl said, "I cannot build a house."

Tiddly Why said, "Why not?"

They soon made a house.

They made it out of a cigar box.

They made it for Jenny Wren.

She said,

"It is spring again, spring again,
Spring in sunshine, spring in rain."

THE SEEDS

Tiddly Winks said, "It is spring."

Tiddly Wee said, "Let us make a garden."

Tiddly Thrift said, "I saved some seeds."

He saved the seeds from last year.

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, "Where is the rake?"

Tiddly Scowl said, "I don't like to rake."

Tiddly Why said, "Why? Why?"

Tiddly Winks said, "Where is the hoe?"

They all sang,

 "With rake and hoe
 To the garden go,

In the early spring
When the robbins sing.”

THE GARDEN

The Tiddly Winks planted a garden.
They planted it in the spring.
They planted vegetable seeds.
They planted flower seeds.
Patter, patter, patter, fell the rain.
The rain helped the seeds grow.
The garden was planted on Saturday.
Another Saturday came.
The Tiddly Winks planted a tree.
They planted a tree on Saturday.
They planted a tree on Arbor Day.

THE SUN

The sun was shining one spring day.
The sun shone one Saturday.

Tiddly Winks got out the spade.
He said, "Let us make more garden."
Tiddly Wee got out the wheelbarrow.

*Dancing*

Tiddly Thrift said, "See the lettuce!"
Tiddly Cheer-Up said, "See the rad-
ishes!"

Tiddly Scowl said, "I wish they were violets."

Tiddly Why said, "Why? Why?"

THE RIDE

"Come rake and hoe,
Make our garden grow."

Sang Tiddly Winks one Saturday.

Tiddly Wee said, "The sun makes things grow."

Tiddly Thrift said, "The rain makes things grow."

Tiddly Scowl grew very tired.

Tiddly Winks wheeled him home.

He wheeled him in the wheelbarrow.

Tiddly Why said, "Why does he ride?"

Tiddly Cheer-Up said,

"Cheer up, Cheer up, we are happy together,
Cheer up, Cheer up, it is fine spring weather."

TO FISH

Tiddly Winks said, "Let us go fishing."

Tiddly Wee said, "I will go with you."

Tiddly Thrift said, "Where is the fishing-rod?"

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, "Here is the fish hook."

Tiddly Scowl said, "Who will dig worms?"

Tiddly Why said, "Why do we want worms?"

"We will bait the hook," said Tiddly Winks.

"Will bait it with worms," said Tiddly Wee.

The Tiddly Winks sang,

“Happy at work, and happy at play,
We’ll go fishing on a Saturday.”



CATCHING FISH

The Tiddly Winks carried a basket.

They carried a basket for fish.

They sat on the bank to fish.

Tiddly Scowl said, “Why don’t the
fish bite?”

By and by they caught some fish.

They put the fish in the covered basket.

They carried the basket home.

They all ate fish for supper.

They had fish for supper on Saturday.

THE MAYPOLE

Tiddly Winks said, "It is the first of May."

Tiddly Wee said, "Where is the Maypole?"

Tiddly Thrift said, "We will make one."

They made a Maypole from a pole.

They made it from a clothes pole.

They put gay streamers on it.

Each Tiddly Wink took hold of a
streamer.

They danced round the Maypole.

They all sang,

“Round the Maypole dance and play,
In the merry month of May.”

THE RAG DOLL

Tiddly Winks got a letter.

He got a letter on Saturday.

The letter was from Toy Town

It was written by the Rag Doll.

The Rag Doll said,

Toy Town,

May 5th.

Dear Tiddly Winks,

I live in a new Doll House with many other
toys.

I would like you to visit me.

Tell all the family to come and see me, and tell them that I live in the Doll House under the old apple tree.

Your friend,

The Rag Doll.

TO WRITE

Tiddly Winks said, "Here is a letter."

He said, "Who will answer the letter?"

Tiddly Why said, "Why do you answer it?"

Tiddly Winks said, "We must be polite."

Tiddly Thrift said, "I saved some paper."



I Live in a Doll House Under the Old Apple Tree

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, “We will make an envelope.”

The Tiddly Winks wrote a polite letter. They put it in an envelope to send. Tiddly Scowl said,

“I can’t write a letter very well,
For I never learned to spell.”

THE LETTER

This is the letter the Tiddly Winks wrote.

Tiddly Wink Town,
May 6th.

Dear Rag Doll,

We will come to-morrow to visit you.

We will come to the Doll House under the apple tree.

Thank you for your letter.

Your loving friends,
The Tiddly Winks.

THE VISIT

The Tiddly Winks called “Good-bye,
good-bye.”

They called, “Good-bye Father and
Mother.”

They went together to Toy Town.

They went to visit the Rag Doll.

They came to the Doll House.

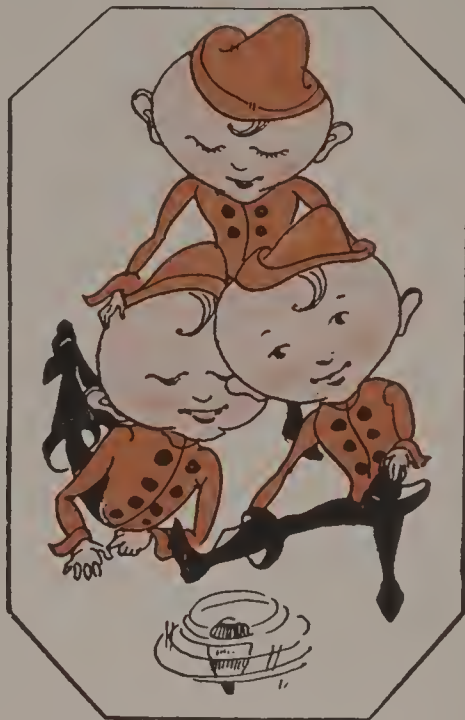
The Rag Doll kissed them all.

The Rag Doll was glad to see them.

They sat in the new Doll House in Toy
Town.

THE TOP

The Rag Doll said, “Where is Tiddly
Scowl?”



When I Begin I Like to Spin

Sure enough, where was Tiddly Scowl?
He was up stairs in the Doll House.
He looked out of the window.
He said, "I want to go home."
Just then the Top began to talk.

"I am the Top, will I never stop?
Spin, spin, spin,
With humming sound, I dance around,
Spin, spin, spin."

Tiddly Why said,
"Why doesn't the top stop?"

The Top answered,

“When I begin,
I like to spin.”

Tiddly Thrift laughed at that.

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, “We must say
‘Good-bye’.”

THE AIRSHIP

Tiddly Winks said, “We must say,
‘Good-bye’.”

Tiddly Wee said, “See the Airship!”

The Airship sailed down, down.

They all got in the Airship.

They called to the Rag Doll, “Good-
bye.”

She gave them a surprise.

The Rag Doll said, “I will sail with
you.”

They all sailed back to Tiddly Winks
Town.

They sailed over the houses.

They sailed over the tree-tops.

FLYING HOME

The Tiddly Winks all flew home.

They flew home in the big Airship.

They sang as they flew,

“Hurrah, hurrah for Toy Town,
We’re flying up on high,
Hurrah, hurrah for Toy Town,
Good bye, good bye, good bye.”

The Rag Doll said,

“If you will open your eyes and look,
You will find me smiling in this book.”

She went to live in a book.

She went to live with the Tiddly
Winks.

THE OWL

Tiddly Winks had a pet owl.

He called him "Mr. Who."

The Owl cried, "Tu-whit, tu-who."

Tiddly Winks said, "Meet the Rag Doll."

The Rag Doll said,

"Are you really old and wise,

I very much admire your size."

The Owl replied,

"I admire your bead eyes so bright,

Can you read by candle-light?"

They all laughed at that.

The Rag Doll could not read at all!

REST DAY

Tiddly Winks could read very well.

Tiddly Wee could read and write.

Tiddly Thrift could also save.

Tiddly Cheer-Up was always happy.

Tiddly Scowl was always cross.

Tiddly Why asked too many questions.

They all sang,

“On Monday, we will go to school
And learn some lessons as a rule.
We’ll go on Tuesday, Wednesday too,
On Thursday learn a thing or two,
On Friday we will be polite,
We’ll also try to read and write,
On Saturday we’ll have a play,
And Sunday is our best, rest day.”

MERRY JUNE

Merry June came again.

June came with vacation.

Tiddly Winks was merry in June.

Tiddly Wee said, “I like vacation.”

Tiddly Thrift said, “I will work in vacation.”



Playing Leap-Frog

Tiddly Scowl said,

“I really don’t like any season,
And I cannot tell the reason.”

Tiddly Why said, “Why don’t you
like June?”

Tiddly Why asked too many ques-
tions.

He even wore a question mark on his
cap.

PEEPING

Tiddly Winks said, "I will peep into school."

He said, "I will peep in the school room window."

He said, "I will say good-bye to the School Bell."

He said, "I want to talk to the School Room Clock."

He began to think about the School Room Mouse.

He wanted a word with the Waste Basket.

He wanted to talk to the Calendar.

Tiddly Winks went off dancing and singing.

"I can sing a little if I try,
And I can call, 'good bye, good bye.'"

TO REMEMBER

Tiddly Winks heard the School Bell ringing.

He called, "Good-bye, School Bell."

The School Bell said,

"Good bye, good bye, please remember,
School begins next September."

Tiddly Winks answered,

"I will try to remember,
About next September!"

Tiddly Winks went into school.

He called, "Good-bye, Waste Basket."

The Waste Basket replied,

"I'll be at work as I remember,
Very early in September!"

Tiddly Winks looked at the Clock.

He called, "Good-bye, Mr. Time Keeper."

GOOD-BYE

The School Room Clock sang,

“I will start again as I remember,
About the seventh of September!”

Tiddly Winks called, “Good-bye,
School Room Mouse.”

The School Room Mouse answered,

“I’ll get more crumbs as I remember,
About the first week of September.”

The Calendar said, “Will no one speak
to me?”

Tiddly Winks called, “Good-bye, old
Calendar.”

The Calendar called,

“I keep the days as you remember,
School starts again next September.”



They Danced in a Ring at the Picnic



Tiddly Cheer-Up

WAKE UP EARLY

“How do you wake up in September?
Really, I don’t quite remember.”

sang Tiddly Winks one day.

Tiddly Wee said, “Is it September?”

Tiddly Thrift said,

“Out of bed we all must climb,
We must learn to save some time.”

Tiddly Cheer-Up climbed out of bed.



They All Turned Somersaults

Tiddly Why climbed out slowly.

He said, “Why do we get up in September?”

Tiddly Scowl looked very cross.

Tiddly Winks said,

“September brings us sudden showers,
September brings fall fruit and flowers.”

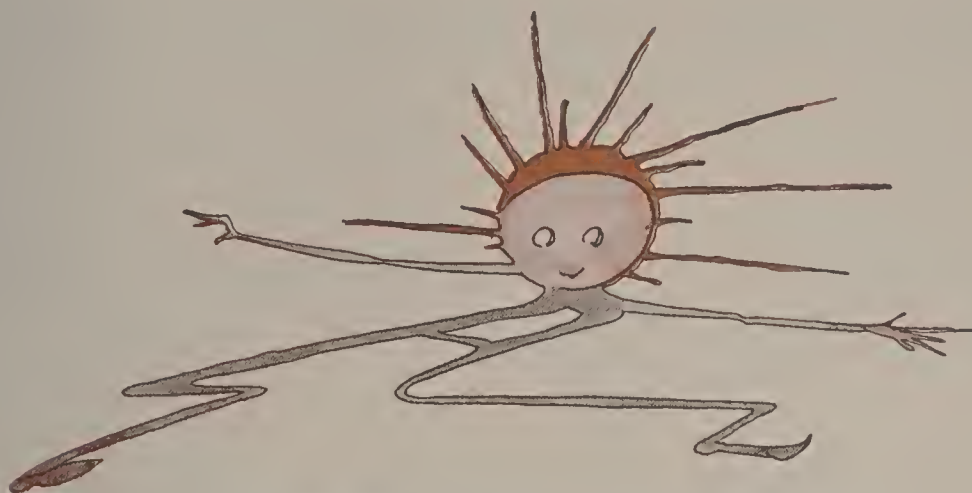
“September brings something else,”
chimed the Family Clock.

All the Tiddly Winks shouted, “September brings school time!”

Tiddly Winks said, “We must wake up early.”

Tiddly Wee said, “We must be early for school.”

“I’ll help,” said the alarm clock,
“Please wind me up, tick-tock.”



The Sunshine Wanted to Help Too

The sunshine wanted to help too,
and called,

“I’ll help wake you in the fall,
See me dancing on the wall.”

The rain wanted to help too, and
sang,

“I’ll help wake you up again,
Hear me on the window pane.”

The Woodpecker wanted to wake
the Tiddly Winks and said,

“While you lie in bed quite still,
You can hear me peck on the window-sill.”

The train whistle wanted to help
and said,

“You can hear me whistle for many a block,
Wake up, wake up, it is six o’clock.”

What helps you wake up in September?

Tiddly Winks is going to school.
He is going to school in September.
Tiddly Wee is going to school too.
Tiddly Thrift said, “Hurrah for September!”

Tiddly Cheer-Up sang,

“If you wear a sunny face,
You are welcome every place.”

Tiddly Why said, “Why do we go to school?”

Tiddly Scowl said, "We have to go in September."

They all sang this merry song,

"This is what September said,
Look above you overhead,
See the leaves are yellow and red,
This is what September said."

They heard the merry school bells ringing.

The merry bells were ringing and singing.

"Hear the merry school bell's song,
In September march along."

The School Bell saw the Tiddly Winks.

He was glad to see them in September.

He sang,

“My old friends I don’t forget,
But have you met the Alphabet?”

Tiddly Winks laughed heartily at that.

Tiddly Wee said, “I can say my A, B, C’s.”

Tiddly Thrift said, “I can say my X, Y, Z’s.”

Tiddly Cheer-Up said,

“We say our Alphabet in verse,
Sometimes better, sometimes worse.”

“Why do we say it in verse?” asked Tiddly Why.

Tiddly Scowl said,

“A verse is easy to remember,
How many ‘E’s’ in September?”

No one could answer him, can you?





"I'll Help," Said the Alarm Clock

The School Bell was ringing in September.

The Waste Basket said,

"Many secrets can I hide,
See my papers—peep inside."

The School Room Clock called,

"I always like to talk in rhyme,
March along—be on time."

The Calendar said,

"I've waited longer than you think,
To greet each little Tiddly Wink."



The School Bell Sang

The School Room Mouse came
creeping up.

He came creeping up the register.
He said, "How I like crumbs."

The School Bell sang,

"How many 'E's' in September?
If I tell will you remember?
The letters dance like little elves,
You'd better learn some things yourselves."

The Tiddly Winks had a day in
school.

*Tiddly Why*

They got home at four o'clock.
The Family Clock asked,

“Tell me what you do in school.
You learn some lessons as a rule.”

At that, the Water Fairy sang.
He sang loudly in the Tea-Kettle.

“Tiddly Winks, can you tell the time?
Tell it in song, tell it in rhyme.”

The Family Clock ticked loudly.

“What time is it?” asked the Family Clock,
Ticking loudly, tick, tick, tick, tock.

The Water Fairy peeped out of the
Tea-Kettle.

The Tea-Kettle let out steam,
And Tiddly Wee began to dream.

Tiddly Thrift said sleepily,

“Oh, Tea-Kettle, keep down your cover,
It is bed-time the wide world over!”

Tiddly Winks forgot how to count.
He forgot how to count in vacation.
One day the buttons began to talk.
They began to talk in September.

“One, two, come button your shoe,
Three, four, button it up more,
Five, six, have you the knack,
To button your apron up the back?
Seven, eight, at any rate,
Dress quickly, and don't be late!”



The Tea Kettle Let Out Steam

Tiddly Wee remembered how to count.

He said,

“I always like to count by two’s,
And I have learned to button my shoes!”

Tiddly Thrift said,

“We can sew buttons on our shoes,
When they come off now, if we choose!”

September called, “Good bye.”

The birds called, “Good bye.”

Tiddly Why asked, “Why is September going?”

Tiddly Scowl said, “Why are the birds going?”

Will no one answer Tiddly Why?

Who can answer Tiddly Scowl?

October came one evening.

October came with Jack Frost.

She came singing,

“Summer time is really over,
Here I come, your gay October.”

Tiddly Winks said, “We will make
Jack-O-Lanterns.”

He said, “We will make them in Oc-
tober.”

Tiddly Wee said,

“I wonder what we can discover,
Columbus sailed once in October!”

“Who was Columbus?” asked Tid-
dly Why.

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, “He discov-
ered America.”

One day Tiddly Winks was happy.
He came home singing, “See what I
found!”

He had found a tiny dog.

Tiddly Wee said, "What shall we name him?"

Tiddly Thrift said, "What shall we feed him?"

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, "Call him MR. BARKER!"

Tiddly Why said, "Why will we name him BARKER?"

Mr. Barker began to bark loudly.

All the Tiddly Winks laughed except Tiddly Scowl.

Tiddly Cheer-Up looked at Tiddly Scowl.

Tiddly Cheer-Up said,

"I'll have to teach you how to sing,
And just be glad of everything!"

Tiddly Wee came home singing.
He had something in his arms.

He had found a tiny kitten.

Tiddly Winks said, "What shall we name her?"



Gay October Came with Jack Frost

Tiddly Thrift said, "What shall she drink?"

Tiddly Wee said, "I'll call her MISS PURR!"

Tiddly Why said, "Why do you give her that name?"

Just then the kitten began to purr.
The Tiddly Winks laughed at that.
Even Tiddly Scowl began to smile.
Mr. Barker met Miss Purr.
He met her in October.
They became great friends.

Then patiently side by side they sat,
And drank from a saucer on a mat!





Tiddly Thrift Held Up His Shoes

GLAD DAYS

Tiddly Winks learned things in school.

He learned many things at home too.

He learned many things in October.
He was fond of brushing things.

He sang,

“I will learn to brush my hair,
Sings little Tiddly Winks,
It will then grow smooth and fair,
(At least that’s what he thinks!)”

Tiddly Wee learned to brush his
teeth.

“Brushing teeth three times a day,
Said Little Tiddly Wee,
Can be made a kind of play,
Don’t you agree with me?”

All the Tiddly Winks had brushes.
They were busy as busy could be.

“I will learn to brush my clothes,”
Said Little Tiddly Why,
“ ’Twill make them clean as you suppose,”
The Tiddly Winks all cry.

Tiddly Thrift held up his shoes and
said,

“I will learn to brush my shoes,”
Said Tiddly Thrift one day,
“And black them at the heel and toes,
There is no better way.”

All the Tiddly Winks brushed
things in October.

Every day it grew nearer Halloween.
They all made Jack O’ Lanterns.
They made them for Halloween.

Tiddly Scowl bought a new broom.
He began to sweep, singing,

“I’ve learned to brush the kitchen floor,”
Said Tiddly Scowl. “You see,
I’ve often done this task before,
It is no new thing for me.”

Tiddly Cheer-Up bought a new
broom too.

He said,

“A new broom sweeps clean,
I’ll brush the porches too,
To be useful now I mean,
As I clean up things for you.”

The Tiddly Winks brushed everything in October.

They went out to play when work was done.

Tiddly Winks said, “See the flowers!”

Tiddly Wee said, “See the golden rod!”

Golden-rod grew by the roadside.

Asters grew by the brook.

Cat-tails grew by the brook too.

They all gathered golden-rod and asters.

They gathered cat-tails too.

Miss Purr played with the cat-tails.



Tiddly Scowl

Tiddly Scowl fell down and cried.
Tiddly Cheer-Up said,

“When you fall on your nose,
Or trip up your toes,
Laugh a bit,
That’s the way every one grows!”

Tiddly Why said, “Why should he
laugh?”

Tiddly Thrift spoke up,

“Laughter is jolly, that is why
It is better far to laugh than cry.”

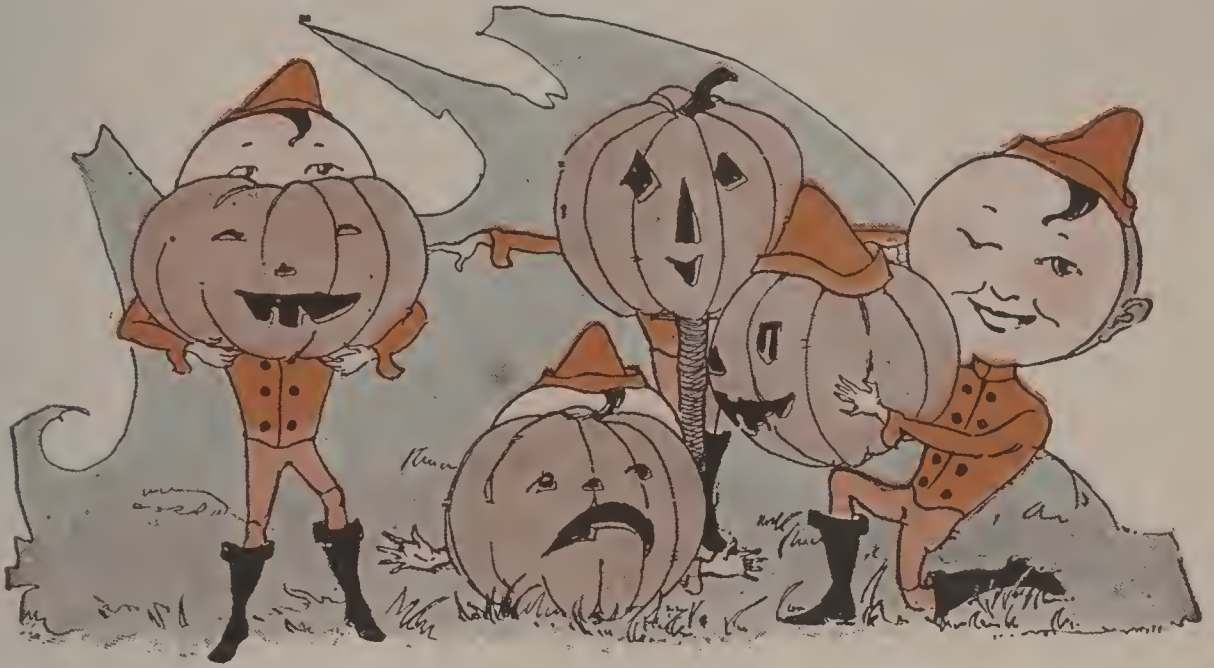
Tiddly Winks called, “Hurry, hurry,”

Tiddly Wee said, “The School Bell is ringing.”

All the Tiddly Winks went to school.
They carried their lunch to school.
Each Tiddly Wink had a lunch pail.
They had sandwiches in their pails.
They carried ham sandwiches to-day.

Sometimes they had plain bread and butter.

To-day, they each had a peach.
Peaches are good in October.
Apples are good in October.
Grapes are good in October.



They Had Such Fun with Their Jack o' Lanterns

Hurry, hurry, be on time,
Hear the merry School Bell chime,
Can you rhyme? Can you rhyme?
In Merry Jack-O'-Lantern time?

Mr. Barker followed Tiddly Winks to school.

He laid under the seat until recess.
At recess he went out to play.
The School Room Clock said,

“Who ever heard of a dog in school?
I’m very sure it’s against the rule.”

The Waste Basket said,

“I’d rather see a dog than a cat!”

(The School Room Mouse agreed to that!)

Mr. Barker carried Tiddly Wink’s dinner pail home.

He was really a useful dog.

He was useful in October.

Miss Purr followed Tiddly Wee to school.

She crept up in his lap in school.

She laid on the window-sill at recess.

The children began to draw Miss Purr.

They made a fine picture of her.

The School Room Clock said,

“Who ever heard of a cat in school?

I’m very sure it’s against the rule!”

The Calendar said,

“The children have some funny ways,
I’ve noticed it for days and days!”

The School Room Mouse said,

“All day down in the register I’ve sat,
I am much afraid of Miss Purr, the cat.”

Miss Purr stayed home next day.

They all stayed at home on Saturday.

They stayed at home to make Jack O’ Lanterns.

Tiddly Winks and Tiddly Wee made Jack O’ Lanterns.

They cut eyes and mouth and nose in the pumpkins.

Tiddly Cheer-Up lighted candles and put inside.

Tiddly Thrift said, “I’ll save my pumpkin.”

Tiddly Wee said, “Why do you save it?”

Tiddly Scowl said,

“I’m a little fellow, see my size,
How can I cut out mouth and eyes?”

Tiddly Winks and Tiddly Wee went out that night.

They carried their Jack O’ Lanterns.

Tiddly Thrift made a pumkin pie next day.

They all enjoyed the pumpkin pie.

They had fun with their Jack O’ Lanterns.

They sang,

“We are singing over and over,
Goodbye, goodbye, to glad October.”



MERRY HOLIDAYS

November came with a rain.

The rain followed all the Tiddly Winks.

The rain followed the Tiddly Winks to school.

They thought the rain sang,

“Come, get your umbrellas out,
They’ll keep you dry without a doubt.”

The Tiddly Winks laughed and got an umbrella.

They had only one umbrella.

They got under one umbrella.

They thought the rain called,

“You can keep dry now if you choose,
Why don’t you wear your overshoes?”

They all got overshoes and put them on.

They said, “Hurrah! for rain in November.”

The Family Clock said,

“What do you learn in November?
Tiddly Winks can you remember?”

Tiddly Winks answered,

“Old Clock, you are funny, I declare,
We learn the parts of a common chair.”

The Tiddly Winks all turned somersaults.

Then Tiddly Wee got on the back of the chair.

Tiddly Winks got on the seat of the chair.

Tiddly Cheer-Up got on the rounds.

Tiddly Why climbed up the legs.

Tiddly Thrift got on one of the arms.

Tiddly Scowl rocked on one of the rockers.

The Family Clock said, "I do declare,
You know all the parts of a rocking
chair."

Tiddly Winks, Tiddly Winks,
How can you remember,
Tiddly Winks, Tiddly Winks,
What comes in November?

Tiddly Winks said “I know what comes in November.”

He said, “Thanksgiving Day comes in November.”

Tiddly Wee said, “What will we have for dinner?”

Tiddly Cheer-Up said, “Turkeys and pies for a surprise.”

Tiddly Why said, “Why do we have turkey?”

Mr. Barker said, “Please save me a turkey bone.”

Miss Purr said,

“Please save me a turkey leg,
Or a piece of dark meat, this I beg.”

Every hour it grew nearer and nearer
Thanksgiving.

It grew nearer Thanksgiving Day,
And the Tiddly Winks were merry and gay.

The Tiddly Winks had a fine Thanksgiving.

They invited friends to Thanksgiving dinner.

They wrote,

“Will you come to dinner on Thanksgiving Day?

We’ll be happy to see you, we one and all say.”

They put on their notes the letters, R-S-V-P-

What do you think these letters meant?

The letters meant, “Reply if you please.”

The guests all replied.

The guests all came to dinner.

Mr. Barker had a turkey bone.

Miss Purr had a piece of dark meat.

The Tiddly Winks called, “Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day.”

OVER AND OVER

Tiddly Thrift and Tiddly Why,
We close this book and say “Good Bye.”
Tiddly Winks and Tiddly Wee,
Call good bye to you and me,
Tiddly Cheer-Up before long,
Will say “good bye, good bye” in song,
Tiddly Scowl is an elf worth while,
Has changed his name to Tiddly Smile.
A child is as happy as he thinks,
“Good bye” sing all the Tiddly Winks,
If more fun you would discover,
Just read this book over and over!



